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DROPEPHYLLA GRACILICORNIS FAIRM. AND LAB. (COL.:STAPHYLINIDAE) IN VARIED HABITATS.— Following my friend Prof. Owen's interesting notes on *Phyllodrepa salicis* Gyll. (1988, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* **124**: 35) I offer some remarks on one of its smaller relatives which is not much better known in Britain. There seem few published records of the above scarce Omaliine beyond those in Fowler and Donisthorpe (1913, *Col. Brit. Isl.* **6**: 243), where localities in Berkshire, Cumberland, Isle of Wight and County Durham are listed. Tottenham (*Handb. Ident. Brit. Ins.* **4**(8a): 22) says only "Under bark; rare, a few scattered localities". Fowler had earlier (1888, *Col. Brit. Isl.* **2**: 420) reported one from the London district (Rye) and numbers at Balmuto, Fifeshire (Power). Fowler and Donisthorpe (*loc. cit.*) add an interesting observation respecting biotope: "Mr Piffard has recorded that *Homalium gracilicorne* and *brevicorne* [the latter being in fact *D. grandiloqua* Luze — cf. Champion, 1912, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* **48**: 44] are to be found in the lichen on branches of oak recently blown down". This points to a wider habitat than the strictly subcortical, as also do the following data from examples (carefully checked) in my collection, taken by the late G.H. Ashe: Wicken, Cambs/reed refuse/20.vii.55 (1); Shute Park, Colyton, S. Devon/nest of *Lasius fuliginosus*/26.v.57 (3). Since *D. gracilicornis* is not otherwise known to be myrmecophilous, this last must probably be regarded as accidental. I have also a Dorset specimen (Crichel, 8.vi.36, P. Harwood); and have seen one from Moccas Park, Herefordshire taken by R.W. Lloyd. A.A. ALLEN, 49 Moltcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.